

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATIONS

Please add the following paragraph at before Page 1, line 6

The Application is a continuation of and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 to co-pending application Serial No. 09/103,229, filed June 23, 1998 entitled SHEET ACCUMULATION PROCESSING DEVICE, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety, and which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 to Japanese Patent Applications 9-165937, filed 6/23/97 and 10-102737, filed 4/14/98, both of which are incorporate by reference in their entirety for all purposes.